Supply of Coal by CIL and its subsidiaries to non-existent industrial units

1674. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries are supplying coal to large number of non-existent industrial units in the country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government have ordered probe into the functioning of CIL and its subsidiaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to fix responsibility in such scandals etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL) supply coal to the non-core sector based on linkages and sponsorship, given by State Government authorities or the sponsoring agencies. The subsidiary companies of CIL have addressed the concerned State Governments to verify the existence of the linked consumer in the non-core sector. The Minister (Coal and Mines) has also addressed to Chief Ministers of States to get the genuineness of the linked non-core industries verified in a time bound manner to ensure that genuine customers get their coal requirements.

Offer given to Jindal Group for open cast mines in Raigarh

1675. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Coal under special provision of amendment to Coal Mines Nationalisation Act has offered two open cast mines to Jindals in Raigarh of M.P. for use as captive mines to a power plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the mines were handed over even before the monopoly house had taken any step to build the power plant and that it is mining coal for commercial sale; and

(c) if so, the steps taken against the company for flouting the law of the land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) One coal mining sub-block namely